

HOUSE RESOLUTION 349
By Hood

A RESOLUTION to recognize Ed Shirley on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ed Shirley is one such estimable educator who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shirley is retiring after thirty-seven years as a professional educator; during his illustrious career, he has positively influenced many young lives; and

WHEREAS, he has served with acumen and alacrity for fifteen of those years with the Rutherford County School System, most recently earning the respect and admiration of his peers and community as Assistant Superintendent of Administration for the system; and

WHEREAS, prior to moving to Rutherford County, Mr. Shirley employed his talents in the service of the children of Wilson County as a Teacher, Principal, and Assistant Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, a native of Cannon County, he believes deeply in the immense value of education and earned his Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, and Educational Specialist in Administration and Supervision degrees from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ed Shirley is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shirley truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; he represents all that is good and noble in education; and

WHEREAS, during his retirement, he plans to spend much of his time raising Tennessee Walking Horses, hunting, and fishing; and

WHEREAS, he eagerly anticipates the increased time he will be able to share with his cherished wife, Elaine, who is also retiring this year from the Rutherford County School System; and

WHEREAS, Ed Shirley truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Ed Shirley for his exceptional service to the children of Rutherford County, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.